

### **Amendments to the Claims**

Kindly amend the claims as follows:

1-2. (Cancelled)

3. (Currently Amended) ~~The device as set forth in Claim 2 wherein~~ A device for discouraging the spread of a fire to the roof of a building, said device comprising:

a) a base including an outer cover and filling inside said outer cover, said filling

~~comprises~~ comprising a water absorbing material;[[.]]

b) a sprinkler mounted on said base, said sprinkler adapted to be coupled to a water source; and

c) a rope coupled to said base, said rope being at least long enough for an individual standing adjacent the building to grasp said rope when said device is positioned on the roof of the building.

4. (Currently Amended) The device as set forth in Claim 3 [[1]] wherein said device weighs less than about 10 pounds when not filled with water.

5. (Currently Amended) The device as set forth in Claim 3 [[1]] wherein said device weighs more than about 10 pounds when filled to capacity with water.

6. **(Currently Amended)** The device ~~as set forth in to capacity~~ Claim 3 [[1]] wherein said sprinkler comprises a top section and a neck section beneath said top section, said top section being wider than said neck section, and wherein said base comprises an outer cover having an aperture at a top surface thereof for penetrably receiving said neck section but not said top section.

7. **(Currently Amended)** The device ~~as set forth in to capacity~~ Claim 3 [[1]] including a pipe interconnecting said sprinkler with the water source.

8. **(Cancelled)**

9. **(Currently Amended)** ~~The device as set forth in Claim 8 wherein~~ A device for discouraging the spread of a fire to the roof of a building, said device comprising:

a) a base;

b) a sprinkler mounted on said base, said sprinkler adapted to be coupled to a water source;

c) a pipe interconnected with said sprinkler and a coupling attached to said pipe for engagement with the water source;

d) said base ~~includes~~ including an outer cover and water absorbing filling within said outer cover, said pipe being located at least partly within said cover and including a plurality of holes[[]]; and

e) a rope coupled to said base, said rope being at least long enough for an

individual standing adjacent the building to grasp said rope when said device is positioned on the roof of the building.

10. **(Currently Amended)** The device as set forth in Claim 2 [[8]] wherein said coupling is on one side of said base and wherein said rope extends from an opposite side of said base.

11. **(Currently Amended)** The device as set forth in Claim 3 [[1]] including a spool for storing said rope.

12. **(Original)** The device as set forth in Claim 11 including a strap element for releasably attaching said spool to said base.

13. **(Original)** The device as set forth in Claim 12 wherein said strap element is formed from a strap attached to the base and extending therefrom.

14. **(Currently Amended)** The device as set forth in Claim 3 [[1]] including a hose in fluid communication with the water source.

15. **(Currently Amended)** The device as set forth in Claim 2 [[8]] including a hose for engaging said coupling and the water source.

16. **(Currently Amended)** The device as set forth in Claim 3 ~~[[1]]~~ including handles attached to said base.

17. **(Cancelled)**

18. **(Currently Amended)** The method as set forth in Claim 21 ~~[[17]]~~ including the step of attaching a hose to the base prior to exercise of said step of mounting.

19. **(Currently Amended)** The method as set forth in Claim 21 ~~[[18]]~~ wherein said step of positioning is carried out with the rope and the hose.

20. **(Currently Amended)** The method as set forth in Claim 21 ~~[[17]]~~ including the step of storing the rope on a spool attached to the base ~~hose~~.

21. **(Currently Amended)** ~~The method as set forth in Claim 17 wherein the~~ A method of wetting a roof of a building with water, said method comprising the steps of:

a) mounting a base on the roof, which base includes a filling ~~and including the~~  
step of;

b) providing a spray of water from a sprinkler supported by the base;

c) soaking the filling with water during exercise of said step of providing[.]; and

d) positioning the base on the roof with a rope attached to the base.